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Saskatchewan farmers have planted 64 per cent of the 2007 crop, ahead of the five-year average (2002-06) of 56 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The southwestern part of the province is furthest advanced with 81 per cent seeded, followed by the west central region with 75 per cent seeded. The northeast is least advanced at 35 per cent seeded. Crops are emerging across the province.

Reporters rate 80 per cent of crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, similar to last week's report. Northern areas continue to report the wettest topsoil at this time. Crop reporters indicated that 79 per cent of hay and pasture land have adequate topsoil moisture, which is also similar to last week's report.

Producers in the southern areas of the province welcomed rainfall that has continued into the new week. Producers in the wetter, northern parts of the province received additional precipitation at the end of the week, with some precipitation in the form of snow. This exacerbates the situation for these producers who were already dealing with excess moisture from 2006, and the 2007 spring run-off. Several frosts throughout the week did varying damage – more so in northern areas.

Gophers, wire worms and flea beetles were the most common pests damaging emerging crops in the province last week.

1 Year Ago

Sixty-four per cent of the crop had been seeded - ranging from 84 per cent in the southwest to 43 per cent in the northeast.

In the southern grainbelt, the hot dry weather was stressing fall crops, hay crops, and pasture land.

Drying conditions helped central and northern farmers to finish the 2005 harvest and to get the 2006 crop seeded, though getting stuck was still an issue.

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Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 20/07	64
5-year Avg. (2002-06)	56
May 21/06	64
May 22/05	71
May 23/04	68
May 18/03	32
May 19/02	46

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 20/07	May 21/06
1a	66	70
1b	66	61
2a	76	80
2b	74	72
3an	66	69
3ase	85	80
3asw	77	81
3bn	84	83
3bs	85	87
4a	87	97
4b	93	95
5a	59	48
5b	42	31
6a	57	51
6b	65	64
7a	80	73
7b	83	75
8a	35	35
8b	41	50
9ae	16	39
9aw	49	61
9b	45	65
Prov.	64	64

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

The southeast experienced a mix of weather conditions during the past week – cool, wet, warm, dry, frost, showers, and thunderstorms. An average of 20 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 9 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to an average high of 25 mm in CD 2a. Some areas in RM 126 received up to 75 mm of rain in 20 minutes on the afternoon of May 17th. In the Odessa area, thunderstorms produced blueberry-sized hail. The extent of crop damage is uncertain at this time.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved with reporters rating 96% of topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 90% last week. Eighty-nine per cent of hay and pasture land was rated as adequate, compared to 82% last week. Fewer short moisture areas were reported this week.

South eastern farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 72% of the 2007 crop is planted. Crop District 3ase is most advanced with 85% planted. Crop District 1 has the least planted at 66%. Some farmers are finished seeding.

There were reports of frost damage to alfalfa and newly emerging crops in CD 1b. Farmers should know this week whether re-seeding will be necessary. Flea beetles were damaging canola crops in the Moosomin area. Wire worms were reported in the Montmartre area. There are lots of gophers in the Ceylon area.

Weed growth is heavy. Winds and cool temperatures hampered spraying. Cattle were being moved to pasture.

South western Saskatchewan (CD's 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest was generally warm much of the past week, and cooling down by week's end. An average of 10 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 4b, to an average high of 22 mm in CD 3asw. Frost was reported on several mornings, and damage to alfalfa was reported in CD 3an.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated slightly during the past week. Reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate on 82% of crop land, compared to 87% last week. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land were rated as adequate on 78% of the land, the same as last week. Over 15% of crop land and over 20% of hay and pasture land is reported in short or very short topsoil moisture condition. Crop Districts 3bn and 4b report between 29% and 37% of crop land in a short moisture situation, and between 28% and 57% of the hay and pasture land in a short or very short moisture situation. Rain is needed soon.

South western farmers continued to make good seeding progress. Reports show 81% of the 2007 crop is planted. Crop District 4b is most advanced with 93% planted. Crop District 3an has 66% planted. Some farmers are finished seeding. Fall rye is starting to push heads in some fields in the Maple Creek area.

Gophers continue to do crop damage in the southwest – more so now that the young gophers are up and eating. In some cases they are eating the planted seeds. Some farmers have re-seeded gopher damaged crops.

Farmers were spraying, tilling, and starting to irrigate hay lands. Livestock owners were branding and moving stock to summer pastures.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region saw rain, wind, heat, and frost during the past week. An average of 6 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 2 mm reported in CD 5b, to an average high of 15 mm reported in CD 5a. The frost damaged emerging crops – time will tell how much re-seeding will be needed. Winds were drying out topsoil moisture in CD 6a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly during the past week. Reporters rated 80% of crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to 76% last week. The amount of

surplus moisture crop land decreased to 10% from 17% last week. Reporters also rated 80% of hay and pasture land as having adequate moisture, compared to 78% last week. Surplus moisture conditions also decreased on hay and pasture land – from 14% last week to 7% this week.

East central farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 53% of the 2007 crop is planted. Crop Districts 5a has 59% planted while CD 5b has 42% planted. In CD 6a, some farmers are waiting for rain to plant oilseeds due to dry topsoil moisture.

Some harvesting of the 2006 crops was done in the Leroy area. Weed growth is vigourous and spraying operations have been delayed by wind and cool temperatures. Farmers were banding fertilizer and picking rocks. Morels were being picked in the Insinger area.

Roads are still soft in the Goodeve and Quill Lake areas. Fields are still wet in CD 5b.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central regions were generally cool and windy during the past week. An average of 2 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 7a, to an average high of 3 mm reported in CD 7b. Winds caused topsoil to become dry and hard in the Strongfield area. Soil drifting was reported in the Harris area. Several areas reported frost. Damage to alfalfa was reported in CDs 6b and 7b. As well, reporters indicate that hay and pasture growth has slowed because of the frost. Reports on the frost from CD 7a indicate that time is needed to see if re-seeding is necessary.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated this past week. Reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate on 79% of the crop land, compared to 88% last week. Eighty-six per cent of hay and pasture land was rated as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to 92% last week. The amount of land in a short or very short moisture situation increased, as winds dry out the topsoil. A heavy downpour of rain caused some damage to canola crops in the Tramping Lake area.

West central farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 75% of the 2007 crop is planted. Crop District 7b is most advanced with 83% planted. Crop District 6b has 65% planted. Some farmers are finished seeding. Some are waiting for rain to plant flax and canola.

Farmers are fertilizing, harrowing, and spraying when the wind doesn't interfere. Weed growth is heavy. There are reports of wire worms in the Marengo area.

Roads are still soft in the Hanley area. Machinery is still getting stuck in fields in the Sonningdale area.

Cattle are being branded and moved out to pasture.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Last week, the northeast had rain, snow, frost, and wind. An average of 6 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 1 mm in CD 8b, to an average high of 16 mm in CD 9ae. Frost in the Porcupine Plain area damaged oilseeds as well as pasture and alfalfa. In the Tisdale, Arborfield, Codette, and Garrick areas, the frost damaged trees and grass. Snow turned the winter wheat black in the Nipawin area. Some canola in the Arbourfield area may need to be re-seeded from snow damage. Crops, alfalfa, and pastures were damaged by frost in the Codette area.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly from last week. Reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate on 47% of crop land, compared to 43% last week. Eighty per cent of the crop land in CD 9ae is in a surplus moisture situation. Reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on 46% of hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 60% last week.

North eastern farmers made some seeding progress last week. Reports show 35% of the 2007 crop is planted. Crop District 8b is most

advanced with 41% planted. Crop District 9ae has 16% planted.

Farmers are dealing with erosion problems in the Porcupine Plain area. Roads are still soft in the Tisdale and Lake Lenore areas with frost boils in the centre. As more traffic moves on soft roads, they deteriorate even more. Farmers are getting stuck in fields in the Tisdale and Hoey areas.

Shortages of some farm chemicals and fertilizer were reported in the Humboldt area.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The northwest was nice the first part of last week and then cool with frost and showers. An average of 13 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 8 mm reported in CD 9aw, to an average high of 17 mm in CD 9b. Frost damaged alfalfa and other hay in the Debden area – reporters are unsure of the long-term damage to crops. There could be some re-seeding from the frost damage in the Medstead area.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated with 83% rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared to 90% last week. Reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on 89% of hay and pasture land as adequate, similar to last week.

North western farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 47% of the 2007 crop is planted. Crop District 9aw is furthest advanced with 49% seeded, while CD 9b has 45% planted. Rain near the end of the week brought a halt to seeding in many areas in CD 9b.

There is a bad gopher problem in the North Battleford area.

Short-term fertilizer and fuel shortages are developing in the Turtleford area, due in part to a shortage of trucks and drivers. Shortages of fertilizer were also experienced in the Meadow Lake area. Cattle are being moved out to pasture. Some cattle are still being fed in the Meadow Lake area.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 19, 2007

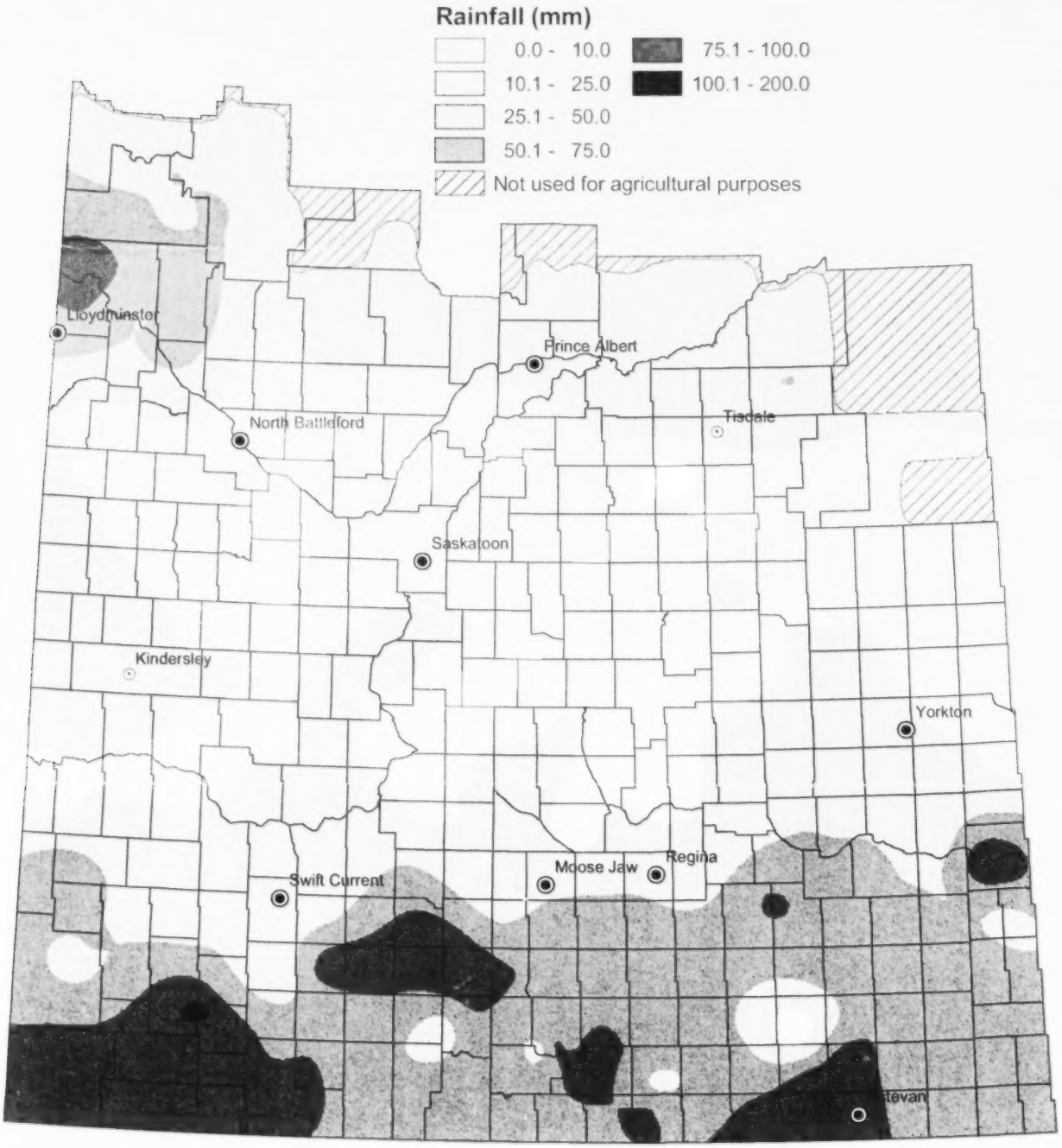
Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	8	68
	3	Enniskillen	7	62
	33 A	Moose Creek	5	58
	34	Browning	10	59
	35	Benson	NIL	91
	61	Antler	8	51
	63 A	Moose Mountain	6	45*
	64	Brock	19	69
	65	Tecumseh	23	60
1B	92 A	Walpole	6	72
	92 B	Walpole	8	61
	93	Wawken	19	60
	94	Hazelwood	23	68
	95	Golden West	24	69
	121	Moosomin	11	42
	123	Silverwood	17	49
	124	Kingsley	22	65
	125	Chester	38	70
	151 A	Rocanville	10	75
	151 B	Rocanville	18	90
	153	Willowdale	16	52
	154	Elcapo	20	56
	155	Wolseley	36	67
2A	36	Cymri	39	83
	66	Griffin	1	12
	67	Weyburn	25	53
	68	Brokenshell	34	57
	69	Norton	26	63
	96	Fillmore	25	62
	97	Wellington	32	59
	99	Caledonia	20	66
2B	126	Montmartre	37	71
	127	Francis	42	77
	128	Lajord	17	47
	131	Baildon	15	64
	156 B	Indian Head	32	58
	157	South Qu'appelle	24	47
	158	Edenwold	25	37
	160	Pense	16	41
	161	Moose Jaw	17	48
	191	Marquis	8	38
3ASE	9	Surprise Valley	32	72
	38 A	Laurier	27	66
	38 B	Laurier	25	61
	39 A	The Gap	13	41
	39 B	The Gap	25	67
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	15	71
	12	Poplar Valley	23	51
	40	Bengough	23	78
	42	Willow Bunch	22	72
	43 A	Old Post	13	70
	43 B	Old Post	28	56
	44	Waverley	8	48
	70	Key West	37	76
	71 A	Excel	37	90
	71 B	Excel	29	60
	71 C	Excel	14	71
	73 A	Stonehenge	17	44
	73 B	Stonehenge	19	69
3AN	101 B	Terrell	31	74
	102	Lake Johnston	14	74
	103	Sutton	11	95
	132	Hillsborough	8	51
	134	Shamrock	13	91
	163 B	Wheatlands	10	25
	164	Chaplin	8	61
	193	Eyebrow	2	26
	194	Enfield	NIL	25
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	13	65
	17 B	Val Marie	7	76
	45	Mankota	12	52
	46	Glen Mcpherson	15	86
	75 A	Pinto Creek	5	54
	75 B	Pinto Creek	11	54
	76 A	Auvergne	4	56
	76 B	Auvergne	11	67
	77	Wise Creek	8	77
	78 A	Grassy Creek	8	107
	78 B	Grassy Creek	9	99
	78 C	Grassy Creek	11	93
	105	Glenbain	12	84
	106	Whiska Creek	31	88
	107	Lac Pelletier	1	34
	108	Bone Creek	8	70
3BN	136	Coulee	5	48
	138	Webb	4	45
	165	Morse	0	9*
	166	Excelsior	4	26
	167	Sask. Landing	4	33
	225	Canaan	3	31
	226	Victory	3	28
	228 A	Lacadena	2	34
	228 B	Lacadena	TR	17
	257	Monet	4	19
4A	19	Frontier	15	88
	49 A	White Valley	15	90
	51	Reno	4	88
	79	Arlington	7	98
	109 A	Carmichael	4	66
	109 B	Carmichael	NIL	74
	110	Piapot	4	50
	111 A	Maple Creek	6	42
	111 B	Maple Creek	NIL	52
4B	139	Gull Lake	4	39
	141	Big Stick	3	51
	142	Enterprise	1	64
	169	Pittville	TR	33
	231	Happyland	TR	24
	232	Deer Forks	NIL	21
5A	183	Fertile Belt	16	40
	185	Mcleod	26	53
	186	Abernethy	30	48
	187	North Qu'appelle	22	39
	211	Churchbridge	TR	23
	213	Saltcoats	5	30
	216 A	Tullymet	15	35
	216 B	Tullymet	17	41
	243	Wallace	NIL	23
	245 A	Garry	19	39
	245 B	Garry	16	37
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	14	36
	247	Kellross	13	38
5B	271	Cote	2	19
	273	Sliding Hills	2	14
	275 A	Insinger	5	31
	276	Foam Lake	3	23
	277	Emerald	1	15
	304	Buchanan	2	23
	307	Elfros	2	22
	308	Big Quill	NIL	14
	335	Hazel Dell	2	20
	336	Sasman	6	24
	337	Lakeview	4	26
	338	Lakeside	2	19
	366 B	Kelvington	TR	10
	367 A	Ponass Lake	NIL	7
	367 B	Ponass Lake	2	7*
6A	189	Lumsden	19	40
	190 A	Dufferin	6	20
	190 B	Dufferin	9	13
	190 C	Dufferin	10	29
	219 B	Longlaketon	10	17
	219 C	Longlaketon	2	12*
	220	Mckillop	5	15
	221	Sarnia	3	34
	222	Craik	1	39
	251	Big Arm	3	26
	252	Arm River	1	27
	279 A	Mount Hope	1	20
	280	Wreford	2	17
	282	Mccraney	1	6
	309	Prairie Rose	2	22
	312	Morris	1	8
	313	Lost River	NIL	22
	339 B	Leroy	2	19
	340 A	Wolverine	NIL	21
	340 B	Wolverine	NIL	11
	341	Viscount	TR	9
	343	Blucher	1	9
6B	254	Loreburn	1	12
	283	Rosedale	3	17
	284	Rudy	4	26
	285	Fertile Valley	2	29
	286	Milden	4	31
	314	Dundurn	1	33
	344	Corman Park	NIL	22
	345	Vanscoy	3	21
	346	Perdue	1	16
	376 A	Eagle Creek	1	11
	376 B	Eagle Creek	TR	7
	404	Laird	NIL	6
7A	287	St. Andrews	NIL	18
	288	Pleasant Valley	TR	28
	292	Milton	NIL	34
	317 A	Marriott	NIL	25*
	317 B	Marriott	1	10
	318 A	Mountain View	2	11
	318 B	Mountain View	2	12
	320	Oakdale	1	41
	321	Prairiedale	2	45
7B	347 A	Biggar	4	8
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	7
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	25*
	350 B	Mariposa	1	17
	351	Progress	3	21*
	352	Heart's Hill	6	31
	377	Glenside	NIL	5
	378 A	Rosemount	1	14
	378 B	Rosemount	1	7
	379	Reford	TR	15
	380	Tramping Lake	1	11
	381	Grass Lake	10	27
	382	Eye Hill	11	49*
	409	Buffalo	4	16
	410	Round Valley	7	21*
	411	Senlac	6	30
8A	395	Porcupine	1	16
	397	Barrier Valley	0	17
	428	Star City	1	25
	456	Arborfield	28	51
	457	Connaught	16	37
	458	Willow Creek	8	31
	486	Moose Range	9	33
	487	Nipawin	15	34
8B	369	St. Peter	TR	14
	370	Humboldt	TR	8
	371	Bayne	1	18
	372	Grant	2	23
	399	Lake Lenore	TR	13
	402	Fish Creek	TR	11
	429 B	Flett's Springs	NIL	30
	430 A	Invergordon	TR	15
	431	St. Louis	TR	11
	459	Kinistino	3	33
9AE	488	Torch River	15	33
	520	Paddockwood	18	35
9AW	406	Mayfield	2	14
	435	Redberry	3	16
	436	Douglas	5	5
	463	Duck Lake	2	13
	466	Meeting Lake	3	14
	467	Round Hill	6	16
	493	Shellbrook	15	36
	494	Canwood	18	30
	496	Spiritwood	15	41
	497	Medstead	7	15
9B	440	Hillsdale	3	16
	442	Manitou Lake	10	24
	498 A	Parkdale	7	36*
	499	Mervin	20	67
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	22	70
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	12	49
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	25	84
	502	Britannia	20	74
	561	Loon Lake	24	48
	588 B	Meadow Lake	20	50
	588 C	Meadow Lake	28	51
	588 D	Meadow Lake	18	40
	622	Beaver River	15	36

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2007
To: May 19, 2007



Cumulative Rainfall
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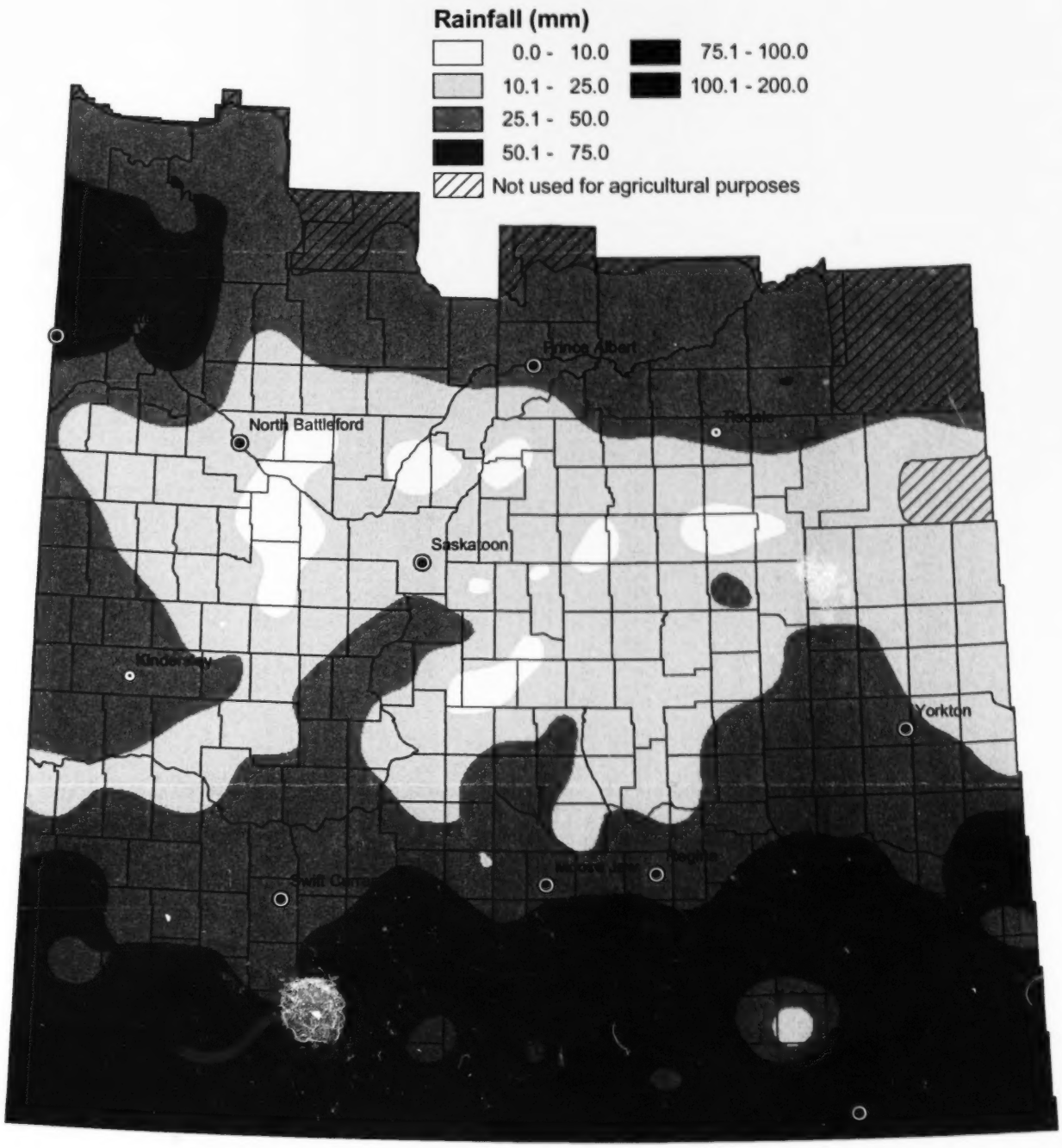
To: May 19, 2007



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